Reviewer's report

Title: Leishmania infantum leishmaniasis in corticosteroid - treated patients.

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Reviewer: Piero L Olliaro

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General
Case reports of Leishmaniasis in patients under steroids from areas of L.infantum transmission. Information worth having to remind physicians from such areas that Leishmaniasis may occur whenever immune response is impaired.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Authors should be asked to:
â€¢ Improve background and discussion to make it more relevant to the topic and findings. In particular:
  o the section on PKDL is highly speculative and should be removed;
  o the section on effects of steroids on natural history of disease could be straighten.
â€¢ Improve language and presentation: In particular:
  o Text: have it revised by native English and shortened.
  o Table: some of the entries are in Italian, not all needed; "normal" not enough - please enter value.
  â€¢ Did they take pictures?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests